



2011 Congressional Art Competition: Rules and Guidelines for Participation

- The Congressional Art Competition is open to high school students in grades 9-12 only.
- A photograph of the final entry, along with a Student Information/Release Form, must be received at either my Abingdon or Christiansburg office by Friday, April 15th at 5 p.m. Entries received following the deadline will not be accepted.
- Each submitted composition must be original in concept, design, and execution.
- Submitted entries should reflect the theme “Celebrating Virginia’s History.”
- Artwork must be two-dimensional and cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.
- Each piece can be **no larger** than 28” x 28” x 4” (28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep), including the frame. If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it will be required to be framed and must adhere to the size guidelines.
- Accepted media for artwork are as follows:
 - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
 - Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
 - Collage
 - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
 - Mixed Media: use of more than two medias such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
 - Computer-Generated Art
 - Photography
- Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the **entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to the students earlier. Students should, therefore, submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.
- Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission’s policy will be omitted from the exhibit.
- If your artwork has been selected, you will be notified by Congressman Griffith’s staff prior to May 1st.